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SN. West Germany, May 16 (R)-West Germany, sion channel (ZDF) said tonight that the Soviet directed the expulsion of a ZDF correspondent and a lit named the correspondent as Robert Stengl, now the cameraman as Heimut West Germany, and the cameraman as recenus to is still in Moscow. The television channel said the samulsions was alleged anti-Soviet reporting. It said the must leave the Soviet Union wees had been told they must leave the Soviet Union . It is ZDF's second clash with a Communist country In Monday East Germany announced that it was

F correspondent Peter Van Loyen for violating reering the work of foreign journalists. ZDF said it had orously about the Soviet move. Mr. Stengl appeared here tonight to defend himself against the Soviet



Play causes violence in Tehran

TEHRAN, May 16 (R)--Islamic demonstrators wielding knives and clubs stopped a performance of a controversial play tonight. wrecking the stage and beating up the playwright, witnesses said. Shots were fired as the panic-stricken audience ran from the university building where the play was being performed. The playwright, Mr. Said Soltanpour, was imprisoned several times under the Shah. His play, entitled "Abbas Agha: a Worker from Iran National," has been surrounded in controversy since it opened last week. It makes fun of Foreign Minister Ibrahim Yazdi and State Radio and Television chief Sadesh Ghoothazadeh.

The Iran National company assembles Iran's most popular car from British-supplied Chrysler parts. The eyewitnesses said at least one actor suffered a fractured skull and that the cur taking him to hospital was attacked. At least one other person was injured after being stabbed or hit by the demonstrators.

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'ael imposes punitive measures inst Birzeit, Jalazoun residents

16 (J.T.)--Israeli military authorities on the occupied ve imposed punitive measures against residents of usalem post reported today.

idents were told yesterday they will not be permitted to ne West Bank this summer, even to Jordan across the and will not be allowed to receive visitors or relatives om outside the region.

id students of Birzeit University have been staging trations since the university was ordered closed on irther notice" following the shooting of a student by a

lush Emonim settlers from Neve Tzuf fired shots to sidents to remove a stone barrier on the main road to njuries were reported.

d stonethrowing. They went back to Neve Tzuf for . When they returned they fired shots to force Arab ove the roadblock.

ables and milk, from entering Jalazoun refugee camp The 4,000 people in the camp are being punished for at Israeli vehicles on May 6. Since then, they have er a tight curfew, being allowed to leave their homes urs daily, the Jerusalem Post reported today.

ir how long the residents have been without fresh food. s said earlier this week they had seen truckloads of oranges rotting outside the camp.

The only food being allowed into the camp is flour delivered by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA).

All roads leading to the camp have been blocked by Israeli soldiers. Residents are not allowed to leave and only a few people are allowed to enter. Reporters have been turned back at the army roadblocks.

Sanitary conditions in the camp are said to be deteriorating rapidly posing health hazards. Problems include lack of fresh water, food and faulty sewerage. Garbage collection and disposal is also very difficult. None of the residents has a refrigerator, limiting the life of whatever fresh food may still be available in the camp.

The curfew at Ayda refugee camp west of Bethlehem also is continning. It was imposed a week ago after residents threw stones at Israeli vehicles. Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij complained to the town's military governor on Monday about the "collective punishment" and charged that "the humiliation of the population will only breed further tension and hatred."

Meanwhile in other West Bank towns, Arab students and residents peacefully protested against Israeli military occupation and lawless acts of settlers. High school students in Ramadah, Al Birch, Nablus, Bethlehem and Beit Sahour staged sit-ins yesterday morning on the

Shokeepers in Bethlehem, Hebron and Nablus vesterday morning kept their shops closed for a few hours in "symbolic protest", but later reopened.

6 (R)--Crown di Arabia today sreports of diviroyal family. problems in the of true," he told

sidence within the royal family."

He was commenting on American press reports that the Crown Prince, who is also first deputy prime minister and regarded as etrongly pro-American, might be losing power.

Mr. Andreotti told the news would consider an Italian request

Andreotti also discussed the rrives in Moscow

any agreement which did not include self-determination for Palestinians and the return of their fatherland and a settlement of the Jerusalem question "will not have any success."

Mr. Andreotti said Italy wanted the negotiations which had gone on so far to be extended as soon as possible. "This process of nor-

to purchase oil directly from the

Saudi government as part of an

effort to avoid any shortages in

Italy with oil this year, the gov-

ernment expects to have a 10-

million-tone shortfall in supplies.

The Crown Prince and Mr.

Because Iran is not supplying

mulisation must proceed," he added. The Italian premier, facing an

election on June 3 and 4, also said he thought a solution to the problem of Israeli-occupied Jerusalem was essential to peace in the Middic East.

"I believe it is impossible to think of a just and lasting solution to the problems of the Middle East if the problem of Jerusalem is not resolved," he asserted, "It is an essential point."

Asked about Saudi Arabian relations with Egypt, following Egyptian President Anwar Sadar's sharp criticism of Saudi opposition to his treaty with Israel, Crown Prince Fahd said: "Saudi Arabia is not happy to see relations worsen with any Arab country. It was not us who sought this."

Khomeini blesses censorship,

To pave way for 'national unity' cabinet in Lebanon

Hoss resigns as premier

BEIRUT, May 16 (Agencies) -- The Lebanese government of Premier Salim Al Hoss resigned today, paying the way for another attempt to weld the country's feuding politicians together in a new national unity administration.

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But police reported the com-

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The presence of the Syrian

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Force (ADF) - angers the right-

But Al Jamhour quoted Dr.

Hoss as saying Lebanon was plan-

ning to ask the Syrians to stay, if

dividing the warring factions.

A police spokesman said both

But the reconciliation attempt faced major problems after four years of civil strife that have turned Lebanon into a patchwork of fieldoms beyond the control of

a debilitated central government. Dr. Hoss, a 49-year-old Muslim economist with no political party attiliations, has led a technocrais' administration for the past two and a half years, it has proved to he Lebanon's most durable govemment since independence from France in 1943.

His resignation followed pressure from parliamentarians who argue that the technocrats can go no further in cutting through Lebanon's tangle of conflicting political interests and it is now up to the fueding rightwing and lettwing leaders to settle their difterences.

In his letter of resignation. accepted by President Elias Sarkis, the premier said he had decided to step down after the adoption of a defence law which provided for rebuilding the Lebanese army.

Another factor was the start of army deployment in the volatile south of the country, he said.

Dr. Hoss said he had not resigned earlier for fear that the move would lead to a vacuum if a new government could not take

office quickly. His announcement was

AMMAN, May 16 (JNA) --

Finance Minister Mohammad Al

Dabbas said on his return here

from Kuwait today that Kuwait is

willing to back Jordan's develop-

In a statement to JNA. Mr.

Dabbas said that he discussed with

sibility of channelling part of the

Kuwaiti monetary surplus into

top Kuwaiti officials the pos-

ment plans in all phases.

expected to lead to the formation of an administration of politicians rather than the technocrats who dominated the Hoss government.

The announcement followed a summit meeting during the past two days between President Sarkis and President Hafez Al Assad of Syria, which has a 30,000-man peacekeeping force in Lebanon.

The premier tendered his resignation once before last year. But he remained in office after political leaders failed to agree on a tormula for reconciling Lebanon's factions.

There was speculation here that, having tendered his resignation, Dr. Hoss might stay on as premier while contacts are held between the various political groups to see if reconcilation is possible this time.

The independent weekly magazine Al Jamhour quoted Dr. Hoss today as saying he would not return to power now that he had tendered his resignation.

But major problems stand in the way of national reconciliation in a country where four years of strife have sapped central government control and permitted the rise to power of many factional leaders.

The two major right-wing parties, the Falange and the National Liberal Party (NLP), announced yesterday that they were fusing into a single organisation and plac-

various development projects in

Jordan. He also discussed with

them the possibility of concluding

bilateral agreements to regulate

commercial and industrial rela-

tions between the two countries

Mr. Dabbas was in Kuwait for

five days at the head of an

economic delegation from the

public and private sectors for talks

Kuwait, the prime minister, and

the ministers of foreign affairs,

industry, finance, defence and

information. He told reporters

here that they had all expressed

support for Jordan and willingness

to aid its development plans.

He met with the Emir of

on joint economic projects.

which will involve free zones and

needed, when the ADF mandate expires next month. Another problem is South Lebanon, where renegade army

major Saad Haddad has declared an independent "Free Lebanon" enclave along the Israeli border Kuwait reported willing and is resisting the planned deployment of United Nations troops in the area. He is strongly

wingers.

backed by Israel. One issue certain to be discussed in attempts towards national reconciliation would be the ground rules for the presence of thousands of armed Palestinians in Lebanon. Lebanon and Syria said yesterday they have found a common approach to restoring stability to Lebanon. But no details of the reported agreement have been released after a

idents Sarkis and Assad that ended in Damascus last night. "Our viewpoints... were identical and there was an understanding over the various questions raised." President Sarkis said in a statement after the talks.

President Assad said the meeting had produced a "unified conception" of how to deal with Lebanon's problems. Beirut newspaper reports said

Syria sought a total break of domestic tensions in Lebanon.

rightwing cooperation with Israel in return for Syrian efforts to ease Syria was noncommittal, how-

Al Tayeb, Chief of State Security.

and Libya. accused, all of whom are repor-

tedly Sudanese and were arrested in April. Officials also would not give the types of weapons involved.

London for medical checkups when the group was arrested, has survived several coup attempts since he came to power in 1969, The latest rebellion against him was crushed in July 1976. It was carried out by supporters of the Ansar sect, headed by former Premier Sadey Al Mahdi.

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I as an Austrian prisoner of war, and personally took part in the Bolshevik revolution -- something which few present-day Soviet leaders can boast. His visit is expected to last three or four days.

Over the past two years the

what it sees as a threat to the movement of non-aligned states, which it helped to found from

Agencies)--The crisis over press freedom in post-revolutionary Iran deepened today as Islamic print workers received the blessing of Avatoliah Ruhollah Khomeini for their unofficial censorship of the country's largest

newspaper.

The unofficial head of state, 79 tomorrow told a delegation of workers from the afternoon newspaper, Kayhan: "The press must write what the nation wants, not

NATO ministers urge need to modernise nuclear forces

BRUSSELS, May 16 (R)--NATO defence ministers today expressed concern about a multi-warhead Soviet missile which could strike anywhere in Western Europe from mobile launchers inside the

The SS-20 introduces "a new dimension of threat" in non-strategic nuclear weapons based in Europe, they said in a communique issued after a two-day meeting here of NATO's defence planning com-

The NATO ministers realfirmed in the communique "that it would be necessary to maintain and continue to modernise" their nuclear The communique alluded to wide-ranging discussions between the

weapons to counter Soviet capabilities. Some NATO countries are not yet convinced that these weapons need be acquired before the possibilities of arms control are fully explored during the next round of strategic arms limitation talks

allies on whether NATO should acquire longer-range nucleur

(SALT III) with the Soviet Union. Others, including West Germany, think it indispensable to acquire these arms to be able to bargain with Moscow.

The new weapons now being considered by NATO would probably be a mix of U.S. Pershing II and Cruise missiles. The ministers adopted a guidance document which extends for two years, until 1986, the pledge by member-countries to aim at a yearly defence spending increase of three per cent in real terms. Ministers also agreed during the session on a \$4.5 billion prog-

comme for infrastructure for the next five-year period. The money goes to a NATO's common fund for building shelters for aircraft, airfields, ammunition storage and pre-positioning of equipment to speed the arrival of U.S. reinforcements in a crisis. Ministers also discussed the urgent need for aid of Portugal and Turkey and called for a progress report to be ready for their

December meeting. This problem, as well as the Vienna negotiations on troop reduction in Central Europe are expected to come up when NATO foreign ministers meet for the spring session of the Atlantic council in the Hague, on May 30 and 31.

press freedom crisis deepens

For the second day running, Kayhan appeared in a pirated edition put together by non-editorial staff, while journalists met in emergency session to discuss the future of the paper.

Barred from the meeting by Islamic pickets were 20 left-wing journalists purged from the newspaper earlier this week.

The Kayhan purge has been attacked by journalists' associations and other newspapers have carried protest statements by Kayhan's editorial staff. The main headline in today's

pirated Kayhan read: "News-

papers must conform to the will of the people." It also carried a statement by Kayhan's Islamic workers calling on the editorial staff to devote all their efforts to the ideals of the nation. It criticised journalists who attacked the achievements of the revolution in order to create

disorder and unrest in the country. "Our path is different from that of so-called intellectuals who are lagging behind the people. They offer bankrupt prescriptions which have no buyers," the statement said.

The Kayhan crisis illustrated the widening gap between the followers of Ayatoliah Khomeini and the leftist and secular groups that helped him to power in the February revolution.

Although there is no formal censorship in Iran, press sources said there were fears the present crisis would prevent adequate public discussion of the country's draft constitution, due to be published soon.

Kayhan's journalists, who have been effectively running the newspaper since its owner fled the country during the revolution, said today the purge of leftists was against all legal and religious codes. They said the journalists involved were merely given unsigned letters of dismissal accusing them of acting against the

revolution.

Meanwhile, in Eastern Azar-

baijan province in northern Iran, a revolutionary court last night executed the local head of Savak. the exiled Shah's disbanded secret police. At least 210 people have now been executed since the

to back .Jordan's plans

transit.

In particular, he said, the Emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Abdullah, had expressed support for Jordan's political position adopted by His Majesty King

PLO leader reports on 'gagged' U.S. visit

Americans prohibited from getting fair Mideast picture BEIRUT, May 16 (AP)--A Palestine Liberation

Organisation leader, "gagged" by the State Department during a visit to the United States. said Wednesday the "Zionist Lobby" prohibits Americans from getting a fair picture of the In an interview at the PLO's office here, Director Shafiq Al Hout said it was "unfair" for the

prohibiting him from talking to the press during his three-week visit last month. "I represent an organisation that is an observer at the United Nations and is recognised by threefourths of the nations of the world," he said. "To have that kind of restriction was not only an

infringement on my right to express myself, but

U.S. government to attach conditions to his visa

He said he felt the United States granted him the visa not to signal it wanted to develop a dialogue with the PLO but in response to the invitations he received from prominent universities. For them, it was a maner of "academic freedom," he said.

also on the Americans' right to hear."

PLO office in Beirut for 10 years, nonetheless said he was pleased to visit the United States. He also said the message of the PLO is slowly getting "The American people love to learn and I think they are developing an interest in our cause. They

Mr. Hout, a native of Jaffa and director of the

know there is a Palestinian people and they know we have a problem," he said. Mr. Hout graduated from the American University of Beirut with a degree in political science. He served with the PLO delegation at the United

Nations, where he was restricted from travelling

outside a 25 mile radius of New York City. Mr. Hout said he was confident that the professors and students he addressed, by invitation, at Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Columbia universities were the sort of people who could one day influence American policy. "They all feel the necessity of having an American-Palestinian dialogue." he said. "They

all feel the Palestinians have been talked about

but never talked to, and they all are asking: 'Why

don't we talk to them rather than going through a third party? He said he was not "very encouraged" at the chances of influencing the Congress or President because of the overwhelming influence of the Zionist lobby, which he said contributes heavily to American political compaigns.

With the influence of the Zionist lobby, some of them have been brainwashed so that when they think of Palestinian rights, they see it as the liquidation of Israel," he said. "This is not so. We are strongly for human and national rights."

He said that 90 percent of the PLO's activities

involve feeding, clothing, housing and educating

the needy among 2.2 million Palestinians living in

Arab countries outside the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. Mr. Hout defended the PLO commando attacks against the Israelis as the action of an "underdog" fighting a war against a sophisticated

military power. "Why is a bomb planted in Tel Aviv a terrorist act and a jet attack in Lebanon a military action?" he said. "In this world based on 'balance of power' no one will listen to you unless you fight."

wounded so far. But unofficial ations in Beirut. reports placed the death toll at 26. Rightist officials cautioned against expecting dramatic results from the announcement because of the continuing personal, political and structural differences within and between the two par-Apart from the age-old rightwing-leftwing rift in Leba-

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Sarkis for a moratorium on Pales-

tinian activity against Israel from

Lebanon to spare this tiny nation

destructive Israeli reprisals, pres-

They said Mr. Assad promised

to help reach a new formula to

regulate Palestinian presence in

Lebanon only if the Sarkis gov-

ernment and the Palestine Lib-

eration Organisation agreed to

enter into face-to-face negoti-

idential palace sources said.

President Elias Sarkis



Premier Salim Al Hoss

two-day summit between Pres-Sudan to try 45

for plotting coup

(AP)--Forty five persons, including 23 members of the armed forces, go on trial here on Saturday on charges of plotting to overthrow Sudanese President Jaufar Numeiri. They are also charged with ste-

KHARTOUM, May 16

aling weapons from army stores and smuggling other weapons into the country. Sudanese officials said Wednesday. Maj. Gen. Omar Mohammad

said the arms had been smuggled through the eastern and western borders, a reference to Ethiopia Sudanese authorities declined to give the names or ranks of the

President Numeiri, who was in

The 45 persons charged will be tried by a three-man state security tribunal at an army post in Jebel Awlia, 45 kilometres south of Khartoum.

Battle of Birzeit

THE BATTLE of wills between those who seek to stifle the force of Palestinian nationalism and those who struggle to keep it alive looks like being fought not at the negotiating table where Israel, Egypt and the United States propose to overcome the Palestinian issue with a thin coating of cosmetic measures, but in the streets of towns and villages in the occupied territories, like Birzeit.

Predictably, the Israeli military authorities have responded to the recent upsurge of peaceful protest against occupation at Birzeit by clamping the entire population of the university town under a new set of repressive measures. Not only are students at the university being subjected to harassment and violence by the occupation authorities and by armed vigilantes from local Jewish settlements, but the residents of the-town have now been virtually prohibited from leaving the area, or from receiving visits from their relations living outside the West Bank.

This type of repression is, of course, not a new phenomenon to those forced to pass their lives under the guns of the Israeli occupation forces: nor are these heightened measures of repression restricted to Birzeit.

If the Israelis think these measures will serve to "keep the lid on" in preparation for the coming "autonomy" talks, we feel they are in for a surprise. The talks themselves are as great a source of provocation to the inhabitants of the occupied territories as is the occupation itself. The Palestinians have clearly and unmistakably rejected both the mechanism of the talks, in which they are not represented, and the purpose of the negotiations, which is to try to short-circuit their national struggle with a phoney "autonomy" scheme which no people in history who have fought for their independence, national rights and human dignity could ever have been expected to accept.

Lest anyone continue to wonder why the Palestinians don't at least give the negotiating process a try to see what they might be able to get out of it, they have only to listen to such Israeli spokesmen as Eliahu Ben-Elissar, one of the officials most concerned with determining Israel's approach to the talks. He says Israel's "autonomy" proposals--which in effect amount to giving the Palestinians the right to collect their own garbage-are in fact a major concession, even a sacrifice by Israel, which really seeks full sovereignty over the West Bank and Gaza. And he adds: "We would have been prepared to give the inhabitants of these areas even broader rights, were it not for their quest for independence."

If the Israelis think the Palestinian quest for independence is an obstruction to the autonomy talks, they should wait and see what an obstruction it can be to their plans for total annexation of the occupied territories. The battle of Birzeit is just a hint of the resistance yet to come.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL DUSTOUR COMMENTS ON the bilateral summit between Syrian President Hafez Al Assad and Lebanese President Elias Sarkis, and says that in the light of the success achieved by the Damascus summit, "We believe that Lebanon will continue to hold out in the face of the foreign pressures to which it is subjected and which are exerted with the object of forcing it out of the Arab nation. Lebanon," the paper says, "will not submit to these pressures, nor will it conclude a separate peace with Israel in following the precedent set by the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty." Emphasising the importance of Syria's role in helping Leba-

non maintain law and order in its territories, the paper says that Sarkis will exert efforts to include all the Lebanese political factions in the new government that is to succeed that of Premier Salim Al Hosse in a bid to ease tensions in Lebanon.

The paper credits the Damascus summit with laying the foundation for greater stability in Lebanon, and goes on to say that easing of tension would preserve the unity of Lebanon and prevent the use of Lebanese territory as a springboard from which Israel could penetrate the Arab nation.

The Damascus summit strengthens Arab determination to stand fast against all challenges, the paper concludes.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Photo Exhibit

The French Cultural Centre presents an exhibit of photos on Provence, which is open during regular hours.

Painting Exhibit

The Goethe Institute presents a water colour illustration exhibit by Jan Cejka entitled "Wild Flowers of Jordan." The exhibit is open during regular hours.

Art Exhibit

The British Council presents an exhibition of paintings and sculpture by Aziz Amoura and Quram Nimri. The exhibit is open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Cabinet hears report on Ibrahim's recent trips

AMMAN, May 16 (JNA) -- The Cabinet held a meeting here today under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Mudar Badran during which it listened to a report submitted by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Mr. Hassan Ibrahim dealing with the discussions and outcome of the Islamic Conference recently held in Fez, his discussions with the Vatican's secretary of state and the Soviet Foreign Minister on the developments in the Middle East following the signing of the separate Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.

During his meetings in Fez, at the Vatican and in Moscow, Mr. Ibrahim reviewed Jordan's firm and positive stand aimed at achieving a just and comprehensive settlement in the Middle East.

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Israel stops Hebron mayor's Amman visit

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Ripped off in Petra

We don't know whether, in Petra, we have been helped or

We are two elderly French tourists, husband and wife. We

As a crowning misfortune, there was no room for us in the

What to do in so remote a spot of a foreign country? In

Immediately, a guide presented himself; it was his "duty to

taken in by a local guide and his friends, whether we must feel

sailed from Venice to Latakia with our car, a little Renault 5TL.

We drove through Syria to Jordan. After a stop in Jarash, we went

to Petra. But in Petra our luck was out: our little car had a

Rest House. We had not booked; in Amman, the management of

the hotel where we had stayed said booking was unnecessary,

because it was not the high season and because there are three

Amman, it would have been easy: a call to the Renault agency and

the case would have been settled! But Petra is not Amman, as one

help unlucky foreigners". He offered a room in his house and

suggested fetching a "well-known mechanic" from Ma'an. We

accepted, for we thought the engine trouble was not very serious.

Besides, we had no reason to surmise the skilfulness of local

bad state and a new piece was to be bought. Our helpful guide

The mechanic came from Ma'an; he said the clutch was in a

And 24 hours later... the engine of our car was scattered in

Afterwards, we were informed by a French engineer of the

At last, our car was loaded on a lorry by our helpful guide and

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No reason was given for the decision of the Israeli military governor, although the radio said the governor and the mayor had met earlier today.

Religious leaders issue statement on Jerusalem

AMMAN, May 16 (JNA)--Muslim and Christian religious leaders in Amman met here yesterday to discuss the con-AMMAN, May 16 (J.T.) -- The Mayor of Hebron, Fahed dition of Jerusalem under occupation and Israeli measures to Oawasmi, was denied permission alter the character and status of the city.

Israel Radio reported this At the end of the meeting, they issued a declaration stressing their governor refused to allow Mr. adherence to Muslim and Christian rights in Jerusalem, and consein bridge and enter Jordan. The demned Israel's violations of the mayor had been expected to arrive holy shrines and its attempts to tamper with the holy city's Christian and Islamic heritage, saving that these attempts will by no means change the deep attachement of Muslims and Christians to the holy city.

The participants in the meeting, including Minister of Awaaf and Islamic Affairs Kamel Al Sharif, the Roman and Greek Catholic archbishops, the Chief Justice and the exiled Mayor of Jerusalem Ruhi Al Khatib, called on nations with diplomatic relations with Israel to refrain from transferring their embassies to Jerusalem in response to Israel's request.

In voicing their support for the resolutions of the Islamic foreign ministers conference in Fez, the religious leaders urged Arab and Islamic nations to implement those resolutions in order to counter Zionist measures.

They also denounced any attempts aimed at skowing dissension among communities in the Arab and Islamic worlds and stressed their adherence to unity among Muslims and Christians which has been in existence for 14 centuries.

NOTEBOOK

The meaning of SALT-II

By Rami G. Khouri

THE DRIVE by United States President Jimmy Carter to win Senate ratification of the second strategic arms limitation treaty (SALT II) with the Soviet Union is likely to succeed and, axiomatically, is likely to have a strong influence on the ability of the United States to play a more intel-. ligent role in Mideast peace-making efforts than it

is playing today. I say this on the basis of two assumptions. The first is that the improved Soviet-American relationship that grows on the strength of detente will take away from the Israelis one of their favourite. implements of intellectual gobbledygook--the old scare tactic of portraying the Palestinians as tools

of Soviet and Marxist plans to dominate the world. The second is that the success of Mr. Carter in winning Senate approval for the SALT-II accord. will provide him with an important and timely dose of self-confidence in his ability to confront. whatever forces may be lined up against him in the Congress.

The combination of these two factors will be helpful, but not necessarily decisive, in pushing Mr. Carter towards making that all-important political decision that he has studiously avoided to date-that is, whether it is politically worth his while to challenge the pro-Israel lobby in Washington head-on.

Without such a direct, open and possibly gruesome challenge, one should expect nothing from the United States except a continuation of present policies, which have been based on the art of the possible, instead of the principle of justice. The overwhelming consensus of conventional wisdom says that Mr. Carter will not take on the Israeli lobby during an election year. But the fault in this sort of thinking, I believe, is that it assumes Mr. Carter is a conventional man, while his actions have shown that his adherence to political convention is erratic.

The success of SALT-II will go a long way to defusing American-Soviet tensions that have built up during the past three years, particularly as a result of, and via, conflicts in Africa. SALT-II will show that in spheres of primary concern to both the Americans and the Russians, cooperation is more fruitful than confrontation. This, in turn, will reduce the Israeli ability, if not to say the obsession, of constantly portraying the Palestinians as the latent agents of Soviet adventurism. It is a fundamental principle of Zionist mythology (and one that unfortunately takes quick root in the .

fertile soil of American intellectual inconsistency) that a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza will be a spearhead for Soviet penetration of the Middle East. It is difficult, even in view of the fertile soil of the American intellect, to brandist. the weapon of Soviet penetration when the United States is signing strategic arms limitation treaties with the Soviets. The Israelis will have to find a new twist to their mythology, and there are not many twists left with any credibility, even (you guessed it) in view of the fertility of America

intellectual pastures. The U.S. Senate's ratification of the SALT-I accord will also show Mr. Carter that when he ha a good case that makes sense, he will win the da among the collection of usually reasonable me and women that makes up the Senate. He learner this last year during the battle for the ratification of the Panama Canal treaties, and, more important, during the uphill struggle to win Senar approval for the integrated jet sales package for Israel, Egypt and Saudi Arabia, when the Israel lobby opposed him with all its fertile force.

The point behind all this is that Israel will ne join the world-consensus for a Mideast pear based on its withdrawal from the areas occurred 1967 until it is forced to do so, either by the reali that can be induced by a strong and political aggressive Arab World, or, failing this, by a con bination of less decisive Arab strategy couple with more decisive American pressure on Israe

The pressure on Israel will have to be he culean, and it can only come jointly from it Arabs and the Americans, and then only if there agreement by the collection of usually ration men and women that makes up the America Congress. The ratification of SALT-II will stren then Mr. Carter's hand in bringing the Congre around to his way of thinking which is usual reasonable, and often decisive. To induce Israel accept a fair and reasonable Mides peace-based on its withdrawal from the 19 occupied areas and an activation of a process Palestinian national self-determination-require reasonableness and decisiveness from t United States, both of which would be instered the ratification of SALT-II.

in the advance of humanity towards a me rational order of global harmony and coexisten only Israel and fellow travelling maniacal societ will be left behind, and even the minds of American Senate will acknowledge this fact-1 act upon it-some day. SALT-II will bring that a little bit closer. ---

Paintings, sculpture feature at exhibit

By Fawzia Mai

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN May 15 -- Aziz Ammoura, acclaimed as one of Jordan's most talented artists, is currently exhibiting a number of his works at the British Council alongside sculptures by Kuram

The sculptures by Mr. Nunry were cast in plaster or carved out of olive wood. Apart from three recognisable human heads with more or less striking features, most of the works are studies of different ways of deforming the female body.

The results varied from grotesquely postured trunks and legs to an artfully streamlined composition set on a board which was hung on a wall.

A few abstract works could be discovered, if one looked carefully, almost lost in the folds of the window curtain. An insignificant totem was placed next to an interesting olive wood sculpture that revealed different aspects of the same theme when viewed from different angles. Besides being a pretty piece, this amalgam of ovals proves the possibility of creating a beautiful abstract design without having to integrate into it the distinctive shapes of the female body!

Being recognised as a talented artist entails consequences of debatable advantage; such as, for instance, not caring to impress the public, but only painting what one wants to paint. Aziz Ammoura is highly sensitive, he is struck by faces and expressions. Indeed, none of his portraits has a dull expression, and this is especially

Symphony, an etching by Aziz Ammoura

noticeable as the rest of the body and background appear obviously hurried and carelessly attended to.

One small-size oil in ochre yellow immediately catches the eye. Again, the artist did not care to work on its technique in any depth, but this face certainly needed no flashy technique to advertise it. The painting depicts an old Palestinian woman closing her lids to hide the grief and drawing a white veil up to her mouth to muffle her sobs. An intensely private moment that has been captured before it vanished.

Curious, I asked the artist who the woman was. Smiling to himself and stroking his chin, he said, "That face is mine. I painted it,

then cloaked it in a veil." Mr. Ammoura explained his method of painting: "I express what I feel. I start by sketching it, then I paint it. As long as I reach the result I want, it does not matter whether the painting is finishedor not. Some stay at the stage of a sketch, some are roughly painted and some of them I throw away. Yes," he added, answering my unvoiced question, "an artist must

know when to stop." With landscapes, Mr. Ammoura only concentrates on communicating his intense feelings: no elaborated details, no finely shaped trees or flowers, only fusions of colours—as in "Remains" where flamboyant reds and yellows merge together over dark shapes.-"Remains" leads one into deep contemplation

and meditation even if one in the not know it is supposed to 1 resent a ship in flames. Looking at Mr. Amm vaguely traced landscapes may wonder at the artist's at "...

skill. However, all doubts when one comes to his d watercolours, whether ports_____ still life, in which skillfully vcolours seem to vibrate wi Yet more of his skill is exhit sketches and etchings, stuccomplexions and shapes-randomly thrown the paper and sometimes... lost in their white paper fr

Commenting on this ____ Ammoura said, "I want t quer the media; I use each a ___ ing to its properties. Water is excellent in doing thes studies, while oil colours h excellent plastic quality."

Aziz Ammoura was b = ------Tira-Haifa, Palestine, in 19 studied art in Baghdad a exhibited in Cyprus, Italy Germany and Kuwait. Th third exhibition in Jeris follow-up to his exhibition years ago, also done in asso with Kuram Nimry. That ition was titled 'The Fifth L sion" since it discussed figi

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Mayor Abu Nuwwar asserts:

nan's water supply is 'pure and safe'

y 16 (J.T.)--The Mayor of Amman and Chairman of he Amman Water and Sewerage Authority, Mr. Ma'n has written the following reply to an article which uesday's Jordan Times:

e article in the Jordan Times, Tuesday, May 15, 1979 waste imperils Amman's water', and would like to e the information relating to the Amman water supply. was prepared on the basis of information collected in ce that date considerable improvements have been

ing the nitrates level, while this was shown to be high in ions are subject to seasonal variations and local con-

clopments occurred.

rations of high pollution at Ras Al Ain, Ain Ghazal ts in the Seil Amman have been cleaned up and have protected areas, and to prevent such pollution to the , ow aquifers in these wells have been cased off.

ncern is now to connect as many properties as possible network; in this respect, the percentage of the popu-. meeted to the sewage network at the end of 1980 will tely 80 per cent. The figure of 50 per cent that was at include other schemes which are in the areas of s I, II and III), the Hussein Camp, Sh'eilich, etc. article has mis-quoted mineral concentration levels in water supply that are acceptable by World Health

tandards and Amman's chemical residuals. limit for Cadmium is 0.01 milligrams per litre not 10 litre, Amman's water contains 0.007 milligrams per for lead, the W.H.O. limit is 0.05 milligrams per litre illigrams per litre, and Amman's water contains 0.037

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These are all acceptable limits for a water supply but in fact the article had quoted figures 1,000 times too high!

The third point relates to bacterial pollution. Quoting information out of context can be very misleading. It must be stressed that all water, whether from underground or surface supplies is subject to bacterial pollution, and Amman's sources are no different from others throughout the world.

However just because a source of water does contain bacteria does not mean it cannot be used, because sterilisation (Amman at present uses chloring as the agent) will render the water perfectly safe for

To try and compare chlorination, ozone or ultra-violet methods of sterdisation is unnecessary because they are all effective in killing

Regarding Amman's water, after chlorination, repeated analyses for bacterial pollution over the years have consistently shown it to be pure and safe for drinking purposes and there has been no evidence

to show that the water has been the cause of any disease. Quite recently analysis has been made of Amman's water in London by the Thames Water Authority for possible virus pollution and the results indicated no virus at all in the samples taken from the two main collecting pools in the city. A copy of this report is attached for

The Authority is always pleased to cooperate in publicising information on Amman's water and future developments based on the presentation of up to date information.

Yours faithfully,

Ma'n Abu Nuwwar, Mayor of Amman, Chairman, Board of Amman Water and Sewerage Authority.

P.O. Box 2412 Amman May 15, 1979.

The letter enclosed by the Mayor, from Dr. J.S. Slade, virologist of the Thames Water Authority in London, and dated April 6, 1979, reported that "the results of the virology samples are enclosed and I am pleased to be able to inform you that no viruses were present."

The results of the virology samples, collected in Amman on March 27, 1979, as reported by the Thames Water Authority virology unit were as follows:

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Viruses (pfu) Colony count Coliforms E coli

A drivking water sample is considered safe when the count of coliform bacteria present in 100 ml, of water is zero.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We appreciate cipal aim of pointing out the extent

Mr. Abu Nuwwar's prompt reply to which "the problem of water to our article, which had the prin- pollution in Amman has been a major concern to everyone dealing with water, especially the government." The first sentence of Tuesday's story noted that "concentrations of minerals and trace metals in Amman's domestic water supply are at a tolerable level at the moment, and within the limits recommended by the World Health Organisation (WHO)." Regarding Mr. Abu Nuwwar's point about chlorination, the article pointed out that chlorination had produced an improvement in the quality of water in the Amman area, and that only 2.3 per cent (obviously a respectable level) of Amman municipal water sources and 2 per cent of private water sources in Amman could be considered unsafe. "During the period from 1972 to 1976, the quality of the drinking water in all regions of Jordan improved with regard to bacterial pollution," the article added. satisfied that additional precautions taken since 1976 have gone further towards ensuring that the main sources of Amman's water supply are rendered totally safe as shown in the virology analyses quoted above. Finally, we apologise for misquoting the recommended WHO limits for

cadmium and lead; this was due to

a miscalculation on our part.

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Annual rainfall in Jordan has been decreasing for 80 years

By Alan Martiny Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN--The variation of rainfall in Jordan from one year to the other is so pronounced that in a certain year periods of severe drought may be followed by abundant rainfall which causes floods. Nevertheless, an overall trend indicates that Jordan's annual rainfall is steadily decreas-

ing.
"The annual rainfall in Jordan has been decreasing steadily since the turn of the century," Dr. No man Shahadeh, Professor of Geography at the University of Jordan, told the Jordan Times. Because of the variability of

Coming Going

House Speaker off to Pyongyang

(JNA)--Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Bahjat Talhouni leaves for Pyongyang tomorrow for a several-day visit to the People's Democratic Republic of Korea. He will be accompanied by an official four-member delegation from the Upper House of

Qatari economic delegation leaves

AMMAN, May 16 (JNA)--A Qatari economic delegation left for home today at the end of a four-day visit to Jordan. During the visit the delegation held talks with officials at the Ministry of Supply on increasing economic cooperation between Qatar and Jordan. The delegation also toured the ministry's projects in the Jordan Valley and visited its cold storage facilities grain silos and the Civil Service Consumer Corporation's centre.

Civil Aviation director returns

(JNA)--Director General of the Civil Aviation Directorate Sharif Ghazi Rakan returned here today following a five-day visit to Holland during which he held discussions with Dutch civil aviation officials. During the visit, the bilateral aviation treaty signed between Jordan and Holland in 1961 was amended in such a way as to permit an increase in Alia's flights to Amsterdam to three weekly trips, Sharif Rakan told

This is the third article in a four-part series on problems affecting water tems affecting water rainfall, especially since the rain-resources in the Amman fall conditions in the country are region. Yesterday's article so variable, but over the last 20 dealt with pollution in the King Talal Dum reser- Jordan.

annual rainfall it was necessary to study the rainfall situation over an extended period of time, so Dr. Shahadeh took two twenty-year periods: 1937-1956 and 1957-1976, and examined the differences in average rainfall in different areas around the country.

The rate of decrease differed from one place to another," Dr. Shahadeh noted, "but it existed everywhere."

He found that the rainfall in Irbid had dropped from an average of 485 mm per year in the first 20-year period to 357 mm per year in the second. This represents a 26 per cent decrease over 20 years.

The average amount of rainfall at Amman airport dropped from 302 mm per year in the 1937-1956 period to 254 mm per year in the 1957-1976 period, a 16.5 per cent decrease in the average annual rainfail.

In addition to this, the number of rainy years, i.e. years in which the rainfall exceeds the average, is decreasing. In the first 20-year period, Amman had 15 years with above average rainfall, but in the last 20-year period only six years out of the 20 were above average.

Worst hit by the decreasing rainfall is Salt. The Salt area is only getting about half the rainfall it used to get 20 years ago.

Dr. Shahadeh said the rainfall decrease is not a local phenomena but is linked to recent changes in the general air circulation in the entire Mediterranean region.

This condition is related to the increase in fossil fuel exhausts, such as carbon dioxide, in the atmosphere over Europe. The carbon dioxide and aerosols in the atmosphere have caused the air temperature to rise which in turn has caused the high pressure zone to shift northward. Because Jordan is in a trans-

itional zone the high pressure shift is more pronounced than in other areas. The subtropical arid conditions in the south are moving into Jordan, increas amount of evaporation and decreasing the amount of rainfall.

The end result is that less water percolates through the soil to feed the groundwater supply and there is less water falling on agricultural lands.

"Another hazard of excessive evaporation," he noted, "is an increase in salinity in the groundwater supply." As the water evaporates it leaves behind salts which cause the rest of the water to become more brackish.

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President of Birzeit U. to visit

U.S., Canada

AMMAN, May 16 (J.T.) -- Dr. Hanna Nasir, President of Birzeit University, leaves Thursday for a ten-day trip to the United Sates and Canada to draw attention to the closure of Birzeit University by Israeli military authorities.

In Chicago, Dr. Nasir will participate in a conference on Palestinian human rights, sponsored by the Palestine Human Rights Campaign Committee of the Arab-American Society.

He will also hold a press conference in Washington on Israeli harassment of Birzeit University and the threat this poses to Palestinian academic freedom and human rights.

Dr. Nasir will also be visiting some universities in Canada to talk about academic freedom.

National News Roundup...

Yet there is a glimmer of hope.

Dr. Shahadeh found that a new

trend could be emerging. It is still

too early to see its effect on the

years there has been a gradual

decrease in air temperatures over

could begin to increase again," he

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Tomorrow: Expected future

demand for water

years ago is just desert today."

"Nevertheless desertification is

Shahadeh said.

said. "But we're not sure yet."

"If this continues, the rainfall

Another encouraging fact is

Queen receives members of physical fitness council

AMMAN, May 16 (JNA) - Her Majesty Queen Noor received at the Hashimiyah Palace today the president and members of the higher council for physical fitness. The council, which has Prime Minister Mudar Badran as President, discussed with the Queen subjects relating to the setting up of an executive committee to draw up plans for the promotion of physical fitness in Jordan. The discussion during the meeting also dealt with the establishment of a college for physical education at the University of Jordan and a department for physical education at the Yarmouk University.

Soviet delegation meets Tourism Minister

AMMAN, May 16 (JNA) -- Cooperation between the Soviet Union and Jordan in the field of tourism was discussed at a meeting here today between a visiting Soviet tourist delegation and the Minister of Tourism Mr. Ghaleb Barakat. During the meeting, attended by the Director General of Tourism Michael Hamarneh and several other officials, the minister briefed the delegation on Jordan's endeavours to promote tourism in the country. The delegation arrived here on Monday for a week-long visit to Jordan. According to a Ministry of Tourism source, 5,000 Soviet tourists visit Jordan every year.

Irbid municipality to join in transport meet in Milan

IRBID. May 16 (JNA) - The Irbid municipality will take part in a two week symposium on public transport and traffic problems to be held in Milan, Italy early next month, the mayor of Irbid, Mr. Hassan Momani said here today. He said the symposium, organised by the world transport union, will discuss economic, health and social problems related to transport. Representatives of the Organisation of Arab Cities will also participate in the symposium, Mr. Momani said.

11,500 W. Bank students to take Tawjihiyah

AMMAN, May 16 (JNA) -- Some 11,500 students in the occupied West Bank will sit for the General Secondary Certificate Examinations (Tawjihiyah) later this month, a source at the Ministry of Education said here today. In the East Bank, 28,494 students will sit for the same examinations which start on May 29.

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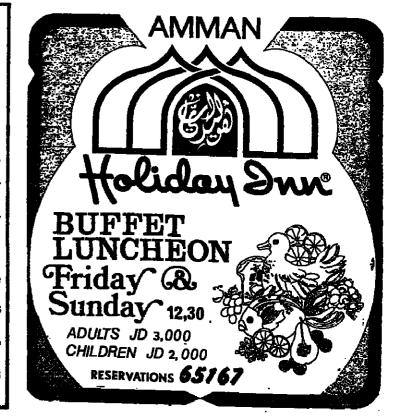
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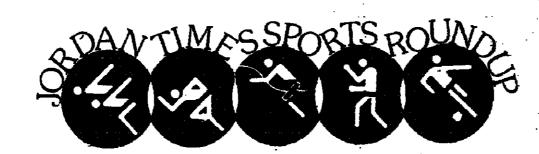


Record miler celebrates 25th anniversary

LONDON, May 16 (R)-He never won an Olympic medal and hundreds of men ran faster as the years rolled by--but a quarter of a century after the greatest night of his sporting life, Roger Bannister is still a track and field legend. In the unlikely setting of a drab little meeting on a blustery Oxford evening in 1954, Bannister turned a dream into reality by running a mile in under four minutes. The possibility of a four-minute mile had tantalised the world's best middle distances runners for nearly a decade, but it was Bannister, a pale, lanky medical student at Oxford University, who finally broke down the barrier. His time of three minutes 59.4 seconds made front page headlines around the world and brought him, a mere 21 years later, a knighthood entitling him to be known as Sir Roger Bannister. Nearly 300 runners have since beaten four minutes, but Bannister will hold the spotlight again at Crystal Palace Stadium here tonight when he presents a trophy to the winner of a special mile race to commemorate the 25th anniversary of his feat. The line-up for tonight's mile will include Britain's Dave Moorcroft, who beat 1,500 metres world record-holder Filbert Bayi of Tanzania to take the Commonwealth title in Canada last year. Moorcroft is likely to start favourite after clocking 3:55.1 in Jamaica last week, though he will need to keep a close watch on Kenyan Wilson Waigwa, who won the mile at the same meeting last year. But Waigwa is unlikely to upstage his fellow Kenyan Henry Rono, the holder of four world records, who arrived here from the United States to tackle the 3,000 metres. Two Olympic champions on view will be 200 metres gold medallist Don Quarrie of Jamaica, who will attempt a 100 and 200 metres double, and Javelin world record-holder Miklos Nemeth of Hungary.

Baby 'waits' for mother to win tourney

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida, May 16 (AP)--The ambulance was waiting. Her labour pains were less than three minutes apart. But 24-year-old Kathy Haddon wouldn't leave the pool tournament. Her son just had to wait. And he did. At stake was the women's championship of the city's Tavern Pool (pocket billiards) League. Kathy was the top female shooter in the league and the heart of the team from Mastry's Bar and Grill. "I've been waiting all year for this," she said. "Everybody wants me to leave, but Γm not leaving for anything. I won't have the baby until sometime after one a.m. There's plenty of time." By 11 p.m. Saturday, the baby was four days overdue and the pains were two-and-a-half minutes apart. "She stayed in bed for two days to rest up so she could come to this," said her husband, Dan. "She went into labour two days ago, but she kind of talked herself out of it." He played the expectant-father role two years ago when the couple had their



first son. That didn't prepare him for this. "She won't make it through overtime," bar owner Lay Mastry said as a crowd of several hundred watched the championship shootouts. By 11:15 there were only two balls on the table-the two and the eight. Kathy had to sink them and Mastry's would have its second

straight title. The pains were insistent, but Kathy made short work of it. Her husband was waiting. So was the ambulance. Later, Dan called the celebrants with the news--at 1:43 a.m., on Mother's Day, little more than two hours after her winning shot, Kathy gave birth to a boy and all was well.

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Detroit	13	16	.448	7	St. Louis	18	14	.563	4
Cleveland	13	20	.394	9	Chicago	15	14	.517	51/2
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FORT WORTH, Texas, May 16 (AP)-Tom Watson has estat lished hunself as the dominant force on the Professional Colley Association tour. His record over the last two-and-a-half yearsunmatched in pro golf. He won the Vardon trophy, Player of it Year honours and was the leading money winner in 1977 at 1978. He's the only man to sweep all three titles in consecure. seasons, and he's well on his way to making it three years in a roy

Tom Watson: Number one on PGA tour

In fact, the only question seems to be whether he'll become it first man to reach \$400,000 in a single season. His triumph la week in the Byron Nelson Classic was his third of the year-noorelse has won more than two-marked the seventh time this year L has been first or second and pushed his earnings to a building \$286,674. That compares with the record \$362,429 he won la. year. And he's only about half through with his American seas. this time. The remaining events include such big-money events the World Series of Golf, \$100,000 to the winner, and We chester, \$72,000 to the winner. "With purses going up all if time, it isn't a record that is important, or one that will stand." said yesterday after a practice round for the \$300,000 Colon National invitation tournament that begins tomorrow. Look Byron Nelson in 1945. He won eight tournaments. With tour purses that would be \$2 million. No, you can't use money and yardstick. It's things like consistence yardstick. It's things like consistency and stroke average that important." He also has the best stroke average on the to it

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when Trevor Cherry scored close-in from a mis-cleared cross is game seemed set for a draw, but four minutes from time it Robertson's hard cross hit Leeds striker John Hawley To deflected it into his own net. The result did not after the stander at the top of the First Division, where Forest are in third place in the Leeds fifth, each with one league match to play.

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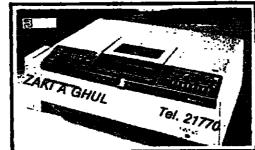
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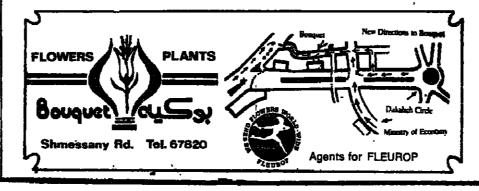
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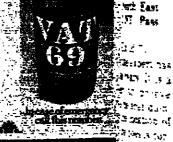


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you are right, for there is only one hope in diamonds should the suit divide 4-1. That is to find East with a singleton honor. Accordingly, declarer cashed the ace and king of diamonds, and learned the bad news when East discarded a spade.

To complete his count of the hand, declarer cashed the ace of spades. When West followed to this, he was marked with six hearts, four diamonds and at least two spades. Therefore, he could not hold more than one club.

The rest was simply a matter of technique. Declarer crossed to the queen of clubs and led the ten. He intended running it if East did not cover. However, East put in the jack, declarer won the king and West showed out, as expected. Now declarer simply crossed to dummy with the queen of diamonds, led another club and, when East played low, took the marked finesse of the eight for his ainth trick.

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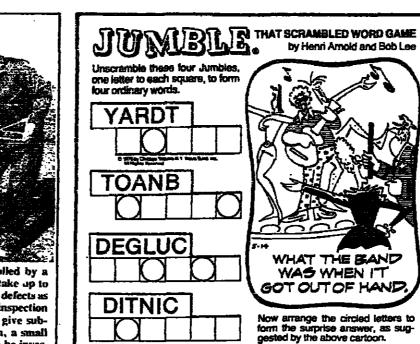
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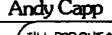
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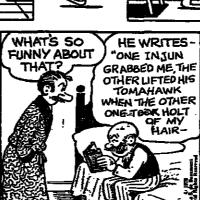
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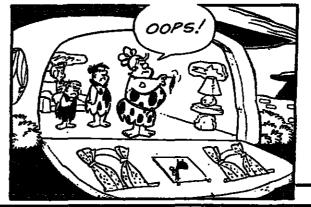
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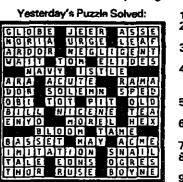
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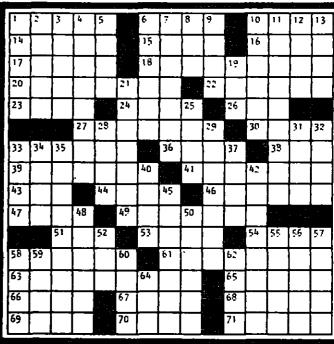


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WASHINGTON, May 16 (R) -- The U.S. Senate has called on President Carter to lift sanctions against Rhodesia and given a warning to Britain and African nations that it wants the trade barriers raised nearly 14 years after they were imposed.

Bomb thrown at home

of Rhodesian official

SALISBURY, May 16 (R) -- An explosive device, believed to be

a hand grenade, was thrown at the home of Mr. James Chikerema.

a minister in the transitional government who is at the centre of a

storm within his political party, police said today. No-one was hurt

in the incident last night in the Salisbury township of Highfields.

embroiled in a simmering row with Prime Minister-elect Bishop

Abel Muzorewa, leader of the United African National Council

A police statement said the minister was at home when the

explosion blasted a garden wall. It said investigations were going

on, but that police had ruled out the possibility that it was an

and senior party officials who passed a resolution demanding Mr.

Chikerema's expulsion from the UANC, Mr. Chikerema had

angered party officials by declaring at a press conference within

days of last month's general elections that the party was rife with

The bishop said he decided not to throw him out of the party for

the sake of national and party unity. Had he expelled Mr. Chie-

kerema, the UANC majority of two in the national parliament

would have been destroyed, and party sources say he would

almost certainly have taken at least three prominent members of

nepotism and tribalism and was run like a dictatorship.

The bishop last weekend overruled provincial representatives

(UANC). Mr. Chikerema is the party's first vice-president.

Mr. Chikerema, co-minister of transport and rower, is

Ignoring the president's appeal not to pre-judge the sanctions issue, it voted overwhelmingly to call on him to resume trading links and imposed a deadline.

The Senate decision on Rnodesia last night came only five days before Secretary of State Cyrus Vance arrives in London for talks with British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, in which Rhodesia is high on the agenda.

Before taking office, Britain's Conservative Party leaders had favoured lifting sanctions, but in London yesterday sources said that the government will postpone firm decisions on Rhodesia until after August's Commonwealth summit conference in Zambia.

But the Senate has told President Carter that it is not prepared

attack by nationalist guerrillas.

the new assembly with him.

to wait that long. By a vote of 75 to 19, it called on the president to decide within ten days of the installation of the new black majority government that Rhodesia had met the criteria for

should no longer be enforced. The vote does not compel him to lift the sanctions but makes it clear that if he does not, then Congress may do so.

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The Senate then voted 83-11 to demand that the president notify Congress of his decision two weeks after installation of a new government or by June 30. whichever is earlier.

Conservatives were jubilant at the vote in which senators who had earlier urged the House to leave the matter up to the pres-

Administration forces sought to avoid a direct vote on sanctions by seeking support for a proposal that would merely impose a deadline by which time Mr. Carter would have to decide.

But they were apparently unable to muster sufficient votes to defeat the Helms proposal, and the Senate bogged down in parliamentary manoeuvring until Pennsylvania Republican Richard Schweicker offered his nonbinding version.

Senator Jesse Helms and Senator Richard Schweicker told reporters after the vote that it represented a clear message to Britain and to President Carter.

Britain and the United States

have shared a joint policy aimed at ending the Rhodesia conflict by negotiations involving all parties, including those of the externallybased Patriotic Front which is waging a guerrilla war against the government.

Meanwhile, the Rhodesian Government today welcomed the vote by the Senate calling on President Carter to lift trade sanctions against Zimbabwe Rhodesia.

A statement by the Co-minister for Foreign Affairs, Kesiwe Malindi, said the sanctions had been "economically harmful and caused suffering to many black and white Zimbabweans.

"Therefore I know that this move to lift sanctions by the U.S. Senate will be welcomed by all the people of Zimbaowe Rhodesia."

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Birds of a feather?

SALISBURY, Rhodesia - In Ozzie Bristow's animal reservation, unlikely friendships sometimes spring up between species. In this case, a lion and a lamb are willing to keep each other company. (Gamma photo)

U.N. commission said considering proposals affecting world journalism

WASHINGTON, May 16 (R)--A United Nations commission is considering proposals for licensing journalists and imposing penalties for "incorrect" reporting, an American magazine reported vesterday.

The magazine, Freedom at Issue, said the prime mover behind the proposals was Mr. Sean MacBride, head of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation's (UNESCO) commission for the study of communication problems.

In an interview with the magazine, Mr. MacBride said the proposals covered creation of a journalistic code of ethics, an

international press council, licensing of journalists, and the matter of penalties for coverage of stories deemed inappropriate or insufficient. But he said the commission had not yet reached any conclusions.

The magazine is the organ of Freedom House, a New Yorkbased group which monitors political and civil liberties throughout the world. Mr. MacBride, an Irishman who

has received both the Nobel and Lenin Peace Prizes, was a founder of the human rights organisation Amnesty International and a former United Nations commissioner of Namibia (South West

Freedom at Issue said Mr. MacBride's draft proposals were still confidential and that he had called a conference of international journalist organisation to discuss them in Paris next month.

In the interview, Mr. MacBride criticised what he described as rather deficient press coverage of the Iranian situation, with the result that the U.S. Congress was ill-informed.

"The media have the task not only of printing information but of informing those in government who exercise power in forming foreign policy," he said.

The magazine said that under

the MacBride commission's proposals, governments would operate the licensing procedure and police a code of journalistic ethics.

Journalists' rights and freedoms could be curtailed in the name of national security and public order. a loophole providing broad grounds for censorship or harassment, the magazine said.

Under another aspect of the proposals, international press councils would hear complaints against journalists, which implied juducial procedures with the journalist as defendant, the magazine

States would regularly take part in identifying problems and proposing correctives and thus become the arbiter of the rules of national and international journalism, it

In his only specific comment on the proposals, Mr. MacBride said in the interview: "The registration of journalists will have to be considered. If you are going to afford protection for journalists on perilous missions...there has to be some card form."

He said there was one grave loophole in last year's Geneva convention providing for the card-registration of war correspondents because it was limited to international conflicts in which a war had been declared.

Most of 220 million in U.S. could be killed in all-out nuclear attack

Congressional study claims:

All but 75 million of the 220 million people living in the United report said. States could be killed in an all-out Soviet nuclear attack and sur-months and years after a li miclear strike, flie death toll-double shrough starvation vivors would live in economic conditions equivalent to the Mid-

pressional study. A U.S. counter-strike against military and urban-industrial targets in the Soviet Union might result in less deaths in that country but would still "remove that nation from a position of power. and influence for the remainder of the century," it says.

The 148-page study on the outcome of a nuclear war was prepared as background information for members of Congress in advance of the coming debate on the new Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT II) with the Soviet Union.

Officials of the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment. which prepared the report, issued parts of it yesterday, but the full document will not be released. until later.

The report said that even a limited Soviet nuclear attack survived an attack would aimed at U.S. strategic nuclear able of handling only one pr targets, which are mostly well of the injured. removed from cities, could cause as many as 20 million deaths.

While the consequences might be endurable (since they would be on a scale with wars and epidemics which nations have endured in the

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In Detroit, the report said pitals would be given the in ible job of exing for 3 injured, most of them st from severe breas flosping Leningrad would suffer problems. Because o

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Mrs. Gandhi leads tens thousands' in protest mat

NEW DELHI, May 16 (R) — Former Indian proper local (18) who faces special court proceedings, sed thousands of set supply today in a protest march against the Januar Ports got frames.

Tens of thousands of people marched in one of thousands of people marched in one of thousands.

Delhi waving flags and chanting slogans against Time vii.

Morarii Desai's government. They arrived here last night from various parts of the four trucks, tractors and trains to match three killingings to a

grounds where Mrs. Gandhi madera speech inticking the The 61-year-old Mrs. Gandhi, who with others laces of arising from her 21 month of emergency rule, told the cloud.

prepared to go to jail if it will help the government solve my country's problems." But she criticised the government for what she termed it.

lack of direction. "The government has lost centrol over the and failed to provide security to the Harrjan's (untouchables), i and Christian minorities," she said as the crowd roared and Mrs. Gandhi strongly delended the decision to hold the denied it had anything to do with her prosecution by the courts. "This rally is not to protest against the special courts to air the grievances of the people," she said.

's new Islamic Bai

Economic News Briefs

Istanbul to impose petrol rationing

ISTANBUL, May 16 (R) -- Citing the world-wide oil shortage and Turkey's critical foreign currency situation, officials announced vesterday that petrol rationing will be imposed from next Monday in Istanbul. The Istanbul governorate said that private cars will be allowed 60 litres per week while commercial vehicles like taxis and lorries will be able to buy up to 200 litres. Vehicles belonging to foreigners and members of the press, as well as cars bearing official plates, will be exempted from the rationing, it said. Governors in some of the smaller Turkish provinces have recently restricted the purchase of fuel in their areas but Istanbul, with its nearly 4.5 million population, is the first major city to come under gasoline rationing.

Saudi Arabia will resist new oil price rise

WASHINGTON, May 16 (R) -- Saudi Arabia's oil minister saidyesterday that his country would resist any move for a new oil price rise at next month's meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). Sheikh Ahmed Yamani stressed. however, that Saudi Arabia could do little alone to determine OPEC policy. In the final analysis, he said, prices will be governed by supply and demand. The Saudi Arabian official made the comments to reporters while in Washington for a private visit to lecture on Islamic law and attend his daughter's college graduation. Mr. Yamuni said shortages would worsen unless the United States cut oil consumption-now running around 20 to 21 million barrels a day. with about 45 per cent of this imported. If U.S. consumption could be curbed, he said, prices could even decline slightly. He said Saudi Arabia intended to maintain production at the current level of about 8.5 million barrels per day but might consider imposing a surcharge unless the United States implemented conservation measures.

Israel's cost of living index skyrockets

TEL AVIV, May 16 (R) -- The Israeli cost of living index skymcketed again yesterday and economists warned that if the present rate of price increases continued, it would reach an all-time high of 90 per cent for the year. The Central Bureau of Statistics announced that the index for April rose by 8.7 per cent. This was one of the highest increases in the past 27 years, with only two bigger jumps recorded in November 1974 and November 1977. The index has now risen by 23.4 per cent for the first three months of this year, and Ministry of Finance officials warned that if this rate was maintained for the remaining three quarters, it would rise by 90 per cent this year. The index, based on the average prices of housing and basic commodities has now reached 288.9 points, calculated on a basis of 100 for average prices in 1976.

Netherlands, Greece conclude talks on EEC

ATHENS, May 16 (R) -- Netherlands Prime Minister Dries Van Agt and Premier Constantine Karamanlis concluded talks here yesterday with the main emphasis on Greece's membership of the European Economic Community (EEC). Mr. Van Agt said he also discussed with Mr. Karamanlis Greek-Turkish disputes -- including the Cyprus problem - territorial rights in the Aegean and the Middle East situtation. He said that when Greece becomes the tenth member of the EEC, the recognition by Greece of Israel should be examined within the framework of the EEC. Greece at present recognises Israel de facto and its diplomatic relations are at the level of diplomatic representation. Greece, which has economic and business ties with the Arab world, is anxious not to upset its relations with Arab countries by fully recognising Israel,

nuclear reprocessing plant HANOVER. West Germany, ernment to abandon the project

W. German state government

rejects plans for colossal

May 16 (R)--The state govand work out a new concept. The purpose of such a plant is to ernment of Lower Saxony turned retrieve unused atomic fuels and down plans today to build the facilitate the disposal of nuclear world's biggest commercial nucwaste, some of which remains State Premier Ernst Albrecht radioactive for thousands of years. told parliament his government The process also produces could not give it approval for the plutonium, a key ingredient of atomic bombs. But he gave provisional author-

TEHRAN, May 16 (R) -- A new bank will be launched in a group of devout Muslim charge, and housing loans, which Mr. Albrecht said he could not revolutionary Iran tomorrow. Its businessmen-mostly drawn from may involve a small commission. main aim will not be making a pro- the Tehran bazaar -- determined fit, but to help low income Iranians and put the economy on a sound footing.

Gorleben has been at the centre Some 800,000 shares of 1,000 of a bitter national debate overrials (\$14) will be offered for sale nuclear energy which has intentomorrow on the launching of the sified since the recent accident at Islamic Bank of Iran. No one will be allowed to buy more than 1.000 Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Environmentalists, farmers, shares.

One of the bank's financial consultants, Mr. Hossein Almasi, said the reprocessing plant, which the the bank would seek only to make Lower Saxony administration has enough money to cover its expenses.

been looking into at the gov-Although the bank's backers ernment's behest for nearly three say it does not have any special Mr. Albrecht, whose statement relationship with the Ayatollah was televised live, said the repro-Ruhollah Khomeini's strict cessing plant scheme might be safe Islamic administration, it is being from the technical point of view allowed to sell shares through the but it was politically impossible at state bank on a religious holiday present. He urged the federal gov-

The new bank is being set up by that the principles of Islam, including the ban on usury, should be strictly enforced following Ayatollah Khomeini's repeated calls for the abolition of interest rates.

Account number one is being opened in the name of Iran's unofficial head of state, the Ayatollah.

The 60 founding members of the bank range from Tehran Chamber of Commerce President Ali Hajtarkhani, said to be the main channel for funds contributed to Ayatollah Khomeini. to Dr. Seyed Mohammad Beheshti, one of the most important members of the ruling Muslim

Loans will be given irrespective of race or creed. They will include loans to private individuals for 'consumer needs" -- such as mar-

riage -- which will be free of Mosques have traditionally granted loans free of charge in Iran when backed by a guarantee

from some of the borrowers' reputable neighbours that the money was urgently needed. On business loans, the bank will enter into partnership agreements with the borrower and share any

profits at the end of the year, according to Mr. Almasi. The bank's real innovation, however, comes when customers deposit their money. Those who leave it in fixed-term deposits will, in fact, have to bear the loss on an investment made by the bank with the customers' money, Mr. Almasi

told Reuter. Mr. Almasi said the Islamic Bank was negotiating with insurance companies to obtain standard loss-of-profit coverage so as to avoid making the customer working side by side with

Mr. Almasi said the bank Nevertheless, the ver intended investing in agriculture, mining, industry, commercial enterprises and "viable projects by talented individuals with good ideas but no capital."

He stressed, however, that the bank would at first proceed extremely cautiously and slowly "in order to remain financially solid and to show ourselves loyal to our customers."

The bank was only interested in getting enough money to pay its staff and defray the cost of its offices, he said.

Iranian commercial banks at present pay an annual 8.5 per cent interest on fixed-term deposits ations abroad and has and charge 11 per cent on loans to. their best customers.

"The Islamic Bank has no intention of competing with the commercial banks and we will be to be worked out.

vehicle for an eventual i isation or Islamisation of vate banking sector in Ira to comment on this, the man replied: "It is still too the game." The nationalisation of il

was promised in the draft the Islamic republics 1 eonstitution.

The bank is still at an en stage. It expects to open branch in the Tehran b three months time.

The bank plans to str negotiations with banks il West Germany and B name them as representa many technical details sti

Inflation's comeback

By Andrew Fisher

LONDON -- The curse of inflation, which has haunted the world's economies throughout the 1970s, is surfacing with renewed force in the decade's final year, alarming consumers around the giobe.

in the U.S., Japan, Western Europe and the developing countries, as well as the Eastern bloc, anxieties about the rate of price increases have been triggered off again by higher oil costs, the consequences of a bitter European and North American winter, and expanded money supplies.

Nor is it just the countries like Britain. France and Italy, where inflation has proved notoriously hard to combat, that are beginning to feel the prices pinch. West Germany, perhaps the most inflation-conscious country in the world after its calamitous experience in the early 1920s, is also becoming highly concerned about prices. Sc. too, is Switzerland, long regarded as another oasis of price stability.

For consumers in most countries, it is the ten per cent barrier which is regarded as psychologically crucial. Britain's Labour Party, for example, breathed a deep (albeit temporary) collective sigh of relief

when the retail price index stayed a shade below double figures during the rup-up to the May 3 general election.

In America, where prices have taken off with a vengeance, inflation has moved up this year at an annual rate of some 13 per cent, prompting heated discussion as to whether it can be brought down again without a painful recession.. A recent survey by Citibank showed that consumers were less confident about the U.S. economy than before the 1976 presidential election.

Judging by the poll's results, more than three-quarters of the population think the economy will worsen in the next six months; back in September last, the pessimists numbered just over half. More than one in three of those quizzed by the bank felt their own economic situation was worse than a year ago.

According to Mr. Alan Murray, a vice-president of Citibank, "The character of the major inflationary thrust has changed." Last year, it was felt most sharply by homebuyers. "Now that inflation's focus has shifted more to food and fuel prices, everybody's depressed." Nor did he see much chance of an early improvement -- "It has now reached a point where there will be some retrenchment."

The most obvious reason for the new impetus behind world inflation is the nine per cent hike in oil prices, plus the surcharges slapped on by some producers. Sharply higher food costs are also plaguing shoppers in Europe and the U.S. as a result of harsh winter weather. The latest spurt in West Germany's wholesale prices of an alarming 2.1 per cent in March. over February took account of

rises of 13 per cent for fresh veg-

etables and slightly more for-

imported fruit. Apart from energy and food, however, commodity prices in general have also been advancing, one result of the steady expansion in the major world economies in the last few months of 1978, Forthe Germans, whose inflation is expected to edge up to four per cent this year from 2.5 per cent in 1978, scheduled rises in value added tax will provide a further

In Europe, the acceleration of inflation rates has put a question mark over the chances of lasting economic recovery. Two years ago, average price growth in the European Economic Community was as high as 10.5 per cent, but this came down last year to a more acceptable 7.5 per cent. Early in the current year, however, it shot back well into the double figure

One key factor behind the new upsurge in prices is the sharp expansion in money supply which has taken place in the past year or so. In almost every European country, money supply has grown at more than ten per cent. In Switzerland, where stable money vaiues are almost an article of faith, it has accelerated by over 20 per

Most of the extra money has gone towards supporting the dol-lar, whose rapid slide has been smartly reversed since the last months of 1978 when the U.S. decided on firm action to bolster its currency. Against the Deutsche mark, it has gained nine per cent, while its appreciation against the Swiss franc and the yen respectively has been 15 per cent and 20 per cent.

The Germans, the Swiss and the Japanese had to create vast amounts of their own currencies to help stem the tide of dollar sales last year. In so doing, they not only contributed to overall international monetary stability, but also sowed the seeds of increased inflation in their own economies. West Germany's central bank, the Bundesbank, put up its discount rate by a point to four per cent not long ago to help dampen down demand for credit. The Japanese

After several years of steadily redu inflation, the major industrial e tries now find that the rate of I increases is accelerating again. beginning to look like the early I all over again.

have followed suit with a 0.75 per increases over three cent rise to 4.25 per cent employers reckoned in cent rise to 4.25 per cent As well as being aimed at prop ping up the dollar, the boosts in a money supply were also designed to stimulate lagging European at 26 per cent Among! economies. The Germans, who are his for necreases are had long held out against the theory that their country could prove a locomotive for world: economic recovery, finally agreed; on more stimulation last summer. This year, real growth of some four per cent is expected. But since the mark has now settled down, the country is less well insulated against inflation because of

rising import prices Higher inflation means, of course, higher wage demands. Set-sumer price index rocke tlements in Germany have been percent in the pass twell moderate. But in the U.S., the pay Even in locks which had climate has hotted up con an inflation in 1978; siderably. The strike of truck date. or was have now beginn ers in the powerful Teamsters a result of higher energy.
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